

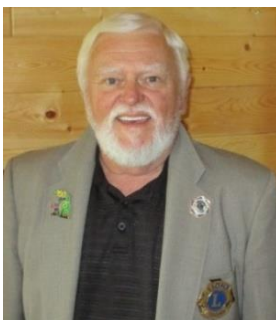
DISTRIC GOVERNOR BILL KOCH'S MESSAGE

Greetings fellow Lions:

This Thanksgiving was very different for most of us and the coming Christmas celebration will be different. This Thanksgiving we remembered the good things we had to be thankful for—ourselves, family, and our communities. Things are more difficult, but we can figure a way to serve. This Christmas will be trying, however, your service projects in the communities are more important than ever. Food distributions, wreaths, trees, dinners, hats, gloves, coats, bikes, toys, cards, letters, and various other services you do are so important to those you serve. THANK YOU! Another thank you for all the articles in our District newsletter and the LION PRIDE. I was excited to see that our District had so many articles in the Lion Pride—YEAAAAA! Our next letter will be 2021. Let us all pray that this pandemic will cease, that our nation is safe and secure, and all Lions are able to serve with love, passion and joy. Our Lions will prosper and grow, so that we may serve our communities. All Lions realize each and everyone is important to the Lions and the communities that you serve. Without YOU, we are not able to serve and help so many people. Thank you and let's continue to move forward in 2021. Congratulations to Kingsley, Kaleva, Luther, Big Rapids and Barryton for adding new Lions. Go Lions!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS *Merry Christmas*

District Governor Bill Koch and First Lady Jackie Koch



First Vice District Governor Bill Bradfield

Contact info: hoxeyvillain@hotmail.com or 231-222-5143

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

April 23 & 24, 2021 we will be having our District Convention. The theme for the week-end is ***"MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER"***, Governor Bill is excited to bring the district together again. We hope you save the date for fun and learning. The convention will be held at the Holiday Inn in Big Rapids. More info to come.

DISTRICT 11 E-1 DECEMBER LIONS OF THE MONTH

Ana and Lozaro Paz Onekama Lions club



The Paz's were raised in Miami Florida and worked as Police Officers for the Miami-Dade County Police Department. They retired in 2010 and moved to the Onekama, MI area in 2012. They joined the Onekama Lions Club and have been active members taking on many responsibilities. Larry is the club's treasurer and works on all the club's projects. Ana is in charge of the Onekama Lions kitchen and works on all the meals for their meetings. She is, also, the Chair of the Lions Breakfast fundraisers and their food wagon. Ana is

the chair of Onekama's 150 year celebration. In this period of COVID-19, Ana and Larry have worked to keep the Onekama Lions active. They indicate that they enjoy being a Lion because of the friendships they have made and because of the needs that the club provides for in the community. The Paz's operate the Portage Lake Motel on Main Street and enjoy meeting guests from all over the world. Their hobbies are hunting and traveling with their dogs in their fifth wheeler. They travel to National Parks and like to hike and bike.

Congratulations to Ana and Larry Paz our Lions of the month! Lion Pete Conarty, District GLT

SIXTY YEARS A LION!

OLIVER JUENGL MIDLAND LIONS CLUB



In October 1960, Ollie Juengel joined the Midland Lions Club. He has been a 115 percent Lion ever since. Ollie is involved in every fundraiser and activity that his club sponsors. Not only is he involved but he works several shifts of every activity. He never says no when asked to participate. Ollie has been president of the Midland Lions, been a member of their Board of Directors and has chaired many committees over his sixty years as a Lion. At 91 years old, he chairs the Lions Mint Committee and is active on the recycling of used eyeglasses committee. Both committees require travelling around town for pickup and delivery. He is the Midland Lions representative on the PDG Bob Stoppert Awards Committee. Ollie serves his community through the Midland Lions Club and gives of his time and talent generously. Ollie has received many awards for his service: Outstanding Lion of the Year, Melvin Jones Fellowship, the

Michigan Lions Foundation's highest award, the John Noel Fellowship, for outstanding humanitarian service to mention a few.

Ollie served in the army for two years and was an educator for 36 years. He taught vocational agriculture, was the first principal of Bullock Creek High School for ten years, Bullock Creek's Assistant Superintendent of Schools for 15 years and a Superintendent for 3 years (one year at Bullock Creek before retiring and two in another school district). Ollie's favorite past times—attending his grandchildren's sports events, gardening and walking to enjoy nature.

Congratulations Ollie on your service to Lions and to your community!!!

Club News

Coleman Lions



Coleman Lion Curt Gordon was a hit in our Lion costume during the Trunk-or-Treat October 30 in the Coleman Family Center parking lot. He and Lion Pam Render handed out bags of candy to around 250 children.



On November 2, Coleman Lions honored Peace Poster winner, 12 year old Charisma Gingerich. Lion Al Roeseler presented her with a certificate and check!



Coleman Lions Club donated 5 turkeys to the Coleman Food Pantry for their annual food baskets. This is half as many as were needed the last several years! We think this is due to the numerous mobile Food Pantry giveaways that have come to Coleman this fall during the pandemic. It is heartening to know that our community is so well taken care of!

(Happy Thanksgiving! Dinner provided by Coleman Lions Club and Coleman Food Pantry. Have a safe and happy holiday!)

Central Montcalm Lions

The Central Montcalm Lions were happy to present Central Montcalm Athletic Director Kris Kolbe with a check to help support our local student athletes!!!



Mount Pleasant Lions



For our most recent service project, we put together bags to be given to children who have to visit McLaren Central Michigan hospital. The bags included supplies for coloring, stickers and games.



White Cloud Lions

White Cloud Lions Club: Small service project or BIG service project?

- a. A 92 year old veteran can no longer take care of his yard. Lion *Mark* volunteered to do a Small service project. He spent two afternoons raking and cleaning up the complete yard of the veteran's home. The veteran thought it was a BIG service project. Thank-you Lion *Mark*.
- b. A recent widow going thru chemotherapy called the White Cloud Lions Club to see if they were doing a Thanksgiving Dinner for the public. We weren't. So Lion *Janalee* did a Small service project by preparing a take-out dinner for her and Lion *Peggy* did a Small service project by picking it up and delivering the Thanksgiving dinner to the widow for her first Thanksgiving dinner alone. The widow thought it was a BIG service project. You Decide.

Small or BIG? Lions are doing many service projects that some Lions call Small but others call BIG because it impacts them directly by bringing some sunshine into their lives.

Midland Lions

Midland Lions Service Project Ringing Bell for Salvation Army at Midland Kroger



Shift change - Lion Pete handing bell off to Lion Mike.

(Pictures from Friday, November 27, and Midland Lions will be ringing the bell again on December 4.)



Lion John Clever takes over.

“Toys for Tots” & “Coats for Kids” Service Project



The Midland Lions Christmas Party has been canceled due to COVID. However, our activity to help children in Midland County - Coats for Kids & Toys for Tots - that has been held in conjunction with the party, will go on. We have been able to supply 20-25 coats and numerous toys to these projects over the last ten years. We want to continue that contribution from our Lions.



AWARDS PRESENTED



LION JOHN CLEVER

MIDLAND OUTSTANDING 2019-2020 LION OF THE YEAR

John has been an active member of our club for five years. He served on the Board of Directors for two years, participates in all of our fundraisers, attends most meetings, and attends our special functions with his wife, Joanne.

CHARLES WEIR FELLOWSHIP

MIDLAND LION LYNDA STARK

Lynda has been a chair of the Chicken BBQ for approximately 10 years. She works all of our

fundraisers and is often a top seller (recent calendar fundraiser). She is active in the club's activities - recent work to provide funds for West Midland Family Center's Pre-Schoolers. She gives of her time and talents to make the Midland Lions a strong service organization in our community.



MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP

MIDLAND LION AL DUCHAM

Lion Al has been a Lion for 22 years. He gives 115 percent of his time and talents to Lions. He never says no to any request to help Lions. He has been our president, on the Board of Directors many times, Membership Chair, participates in all of our fundraisers and activities, headed up the White Cane for many years, and has worked to make our Salvation Army Bell Ringing a success. These are only a few of Al's achievements as a Lion.



Lions Calendar Fundraiser

Our Lions Foundation calendar fundraiser was a success. We sold fifty calendars and earned a profit of \$500 for the Midland Lions Club. Twenty-four Lions sold or bought calendars. Our top sellers were Rick and Ann Fraser - five calendars and Lynda Stark - five calendars. Thayre Talcott was second, selling three. Five Lions sold two calendars.

FREE Space to put your Club's News!
Please contact us to be included in the next issue
of the District 11E-1 Newsletter.

Editors, Mike and Tina Hoy—Please submit your club information in Word and pictures as an attachment. Please contact us at hoym@charter.net or 989-832-8354.

Service Stories

Each Lion and every club is changing lives in ways both great and small. Service is a personal journey that impacts the people serving and the people we serve. We make an effort to post club service stories under the District Club Happenings section of the Lion Pride. Has your story been shared? Contact your District Editor.

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Please submit materials for January 2021 Newsletter by December 23!

MI LEO ZOOM Chat



*A pandemic can't stop a LEO -
join us for a LEO Chat with
LEOs across the state.*

**Wednesday,
December 2
7-8pm**

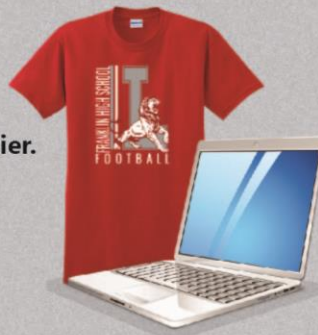
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Please register by emailing or texting:
Nicole Stuhec at nstuhec2@gmail.com
or text to 734-834-2073. You will get an
invitation with the ZOOM link to make it easier.

*You can meet other
Michigan LEOs, talk
about your club, share
ideas and have fun 😊*

Anything Goes!



**Wear a shirt
that represents LEOs or
the school you attend...**

District Projects

NEED A FUNDRAISER?

In this COVID period, many clubs are looking for an easy way to be active and increase their budgets to better serve their communities. *The Michigan Lions Foundation* has an answer to your need, the *35th annual Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes*. It is a fundraiser that can be done with relatives, neighbors, by phone and even e-mails. Each year a number of Lions Clubs throughout Michigan have supported the Foundation and their own club by using the sale of sweepstakes tickets as a fundraiser. The Foundation uses the fundraiser to support their hearing aid, eye glass, KidSight, grants for surgeries and catastrophes, military personnel and other programs. Clubs that sell blocks of Sweepstakes tickets can earn money for their charities. Some people buy lottery tickets for stocking stuffers. Here is an opportunity to help the Lions Foundation and your club by selling Sweepstakes tickets as holiday stocking stuffers. There are ten great prizes to be won, prizes for top sellers and for your club. *See the Sweepstakes brochure (pg. 8 of newsletter) for the details.*

Lions of Michigan Foundation Calendars

The Foundation is once again selling the 2021 Calendars for \$20 each. This could be a great fundraiser for the clubs. If your club sells 10 or more calendars you would get \$5 back per calendar, and if you sell 50 or more calendars your club would get \$10 per calendar. This would be an easy fundraiser for your club. I have calendars if your club is interested.

The winning numbers come from the mid day lottery drawing, with the grand prize of \$1500, 2nd prize of \$500, and 3rd prize of \$250 drawn on May 1, 2021. Call PDG Pam for calendars.

Lions of Michigan Foundation

The trustees of our District are ready to come visit your club and do a presentation. Give them a call and get a date set.

Please keep the donations to the foundation coming, it helps furnish hearing aids, glasses and emergency relief. We hope to have the KidSight program back up and running by spring.

Used Hearing Aid Donations

Remember we accept used hearing aids of any age or condition. All used hearing aids are recycled with one of the hearing aid manufactures. Lions of Michigan Foundation is given credits to be used towards the purchase of new hearing aids. Most Clubs collect hearing aids with their glasses. If you have hearing aids for recycling give them to our Foundation Reps. Lions Pete or Pam, your zone chairs, or Lion Peggy Frank at 616 217-6840 for pick-up.



We are “pawing” in-person *PAWS* presentations until further notice. This is due to the upcoming Holidays, Winter, COVID - 19 and Lion Mike will be in training with his new *PAWS* dog.

Please contact, if you have any questions, hoym@charter.net or 989-832-8354. *PAWS* contacts: 616-877-7297 or www.pawswithacause.org

Update on Lion Mike’s *PAWS* dog:

Cowboy, a black lab/golden mix, expected arrival date is December 10, 2020!

Lions Mike & Tina Hoy, *PAWS* District 11E-1 Project Co-Chairs



35th ANNUAL Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes A GUARANTEED Fundraiser

GREAT PRIZES

1st-\$5,000 - 2nd-\$2,500 - 3rd-\$2,000
4th- \$1,500 - 5th-\$1,000 - 6th-\$500
7th-\$400 - 8th-\$300 - 9th-\$200 - 10th-\$100

SELLER INCENTIVES

1st-\$750 - 2nd-\$500 - 3rd-\$250 - 4th-\$100

EASY MONEY

30-99 Tickets Sold = \$3.50 Per Ticket For Club
100 - 249 Tickets Sold = \$5.00 Per Ticket For Club
250+ Tickets = \$5.50 Per Ticket For Club

DRAWINGS

TICKET SELLERS DRAWING

May 1, 2021
Lions of Michigan State Office
Lansing, Michigan

FINAL DRAWING

May 22, 2021
MD 11 Convention - Holland, MI

The PRICE is RIGHT
\$10.00 Per Ticket

Attention Holiday Shoppers

Do you have someone on your gift list who has everything?

What better gift could you give than one that helps those in need? For a gift of \$10, you can buy a Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes ticket for a friend or family member, providing them with a chance to win several cash prizes, including the grand prize of \$5,000.

Upon receipt of your gift, we will mail a sweepstakes ticket stub and sweepstakes information to your honoree with a card acknowledging your gift.



Lions of Michigan Foundation - Holiday Shoppers Gift
35th Annual Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes

Donation Amount: \$ _____

Donor's Name(s): _____

Donor's Email Address: _____

Donor's Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Honoree's Name: _____

Honoree's Email Address: _____

Honoree's Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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Rochester Hills, Mich., October 28, 2020 - Leader Dogs for the Blind, located in Southeast Michigan since 1939, announced today that they are launching a free virtual seminar for people who are 18 - 24 years old, legally blind or visually impaired, and from the U.S. and Canada. T.O.M. Talks focuses on three areas of importance for people who are blind: Technology, Orientation and Mobility. The seminar is free and will be held January 17-30, 2021.

Participants will develop skills needed to thrive in their career including increased independent travel, professional readiness and networking. A variety of experts from Leader Dogs for the Blind will present including guide dog mobility instructors and orientation & mobility specialists.

“People in the 18-24 age groups tend to have very busy schedules,” said Erica Ihrke, Leader Dog’s manager of extended services, “so we designed this program to be partially self-guided and partially live. Our goal is for everyone to be able to achieve success.” There are four required live ZOOM sessions and two optional weekend sessions. The self-guided portion of the curriculum includes videos and activities supported with materials sent prior to the T.O.M. Talks.

To apply for T.O.M. Talks go to www.leaderdog.org/programs/tom-talks/. Applications are due by 5:00 pm (EST) on Monday, December 12, 2020. For additional information, visit www.leaderdog.org/programs/tom-talks/ or contact Kristy Plesscher, Certified Orientation & Mobility Specialist at (248) 659-5009.

Quote of the Month:

“Small or BIG? Lions are doing many service projects that some Lions call Small but others call BIG because it impacts them directly by bringing some sunshine into their lives.”
Lion Janalee McClure, White Cloud Lions

DECEMBER IS HUMAN RIGHTS MONTH

- December 1—Day of Giving
- December 5—International Leo Day
- December 7—Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- December 19—Wreaths Across America Day to honor veterans.
- December 21—Winter Begins
- December 25—Christmas Day
- December 29—Hero Day
- December 31—Universal Hour of Peace



We Serve